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5 September 1978

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 2000

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that I have sent Senator Henry Jackson regarding the threat to our national security posed by one Mr. Philip Agee, a former CIA agent who plans to expose the identities and locations of our CIA agents around the world. This man is a direct threat to our national security, more so than any (other?) communist anywhere in the world. This man must be stopped.

I call upon you to meet your duties and responsibilities as Commander-in-Chief to prevent Mr. Agee from consummating his treacherous disclosures. This man is obviously performing acts inimical to our national interests, and evidently he is doing so with impunity.

Is this man an American citizen? If so, is his citizenship status under review?

I urge you to take strong and decisive action immediately, before it is too late.

Respectfully,

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The Honorable Henry M. Jackson  
The United States Senate  
137 Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Jackson:

I wish to bring to your attention a national security matter that I think you may find to be of interest. A certain Mr. Philip Agee, who is a former CIA agent, appeared in Cuba last month, ostensibly as a guest of the Cuban government, and made a major anti-CIA speech as part of the Cuban Government's official World Festival of Youth and Students (the speech being made during the "Youth Accuses Imperialism International Tribunal" event). He said that it is his intent to publish a newspaper or magazine, Counter-Spy, in which he will identify persons in foreign countries as CIA agents. His stated purpose in doing so is to prevent such persons from being able to function and to cause them to have to leave that country or otherwise "be taken care of." Any doubts that one may have had as to whether he was serious exist no longer because, as reported on p. 14 of the September 4, 1978 issue of Time magazine, Mr. Agee's latest book, Dirty Work: The CIA in Western Europe lists over 700 CIA and National Security Agency employees "with names, addresses, past and present assignments, cover titles, and station locations."

You may remember that last year a certain Mr. Robert Welch was identified as a CIA station chief. A few months later he was assassinated. Presumably Mr. Agee expects that his revelations would require an exposed agent to depart the country that he is in or else face a fate similar to that of the late Mr. Welch.

I am aware that you have constantly led the fight to insure that our national security remains viable, particularly with respect to present and future SALT Agreements. Along those same national security lines, I would suggest to you that Mr. Philip Agee is a direct threat to our vital national security interests. We stand to lose as much in terms of national security at Mr. Agee's hands as we ever could via an unfavorable SALT Agreement.

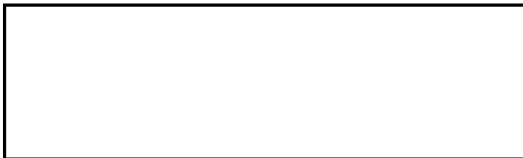
You may be interested to know that two of your fellow Senators, Barry Goldwater of Arizona and Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, also perceive the nature of the threat posed by Mr. Agee. In a recent column in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr. quoted Sen. Goldwater as saying that Mr. Agee's citizenship should be revoked and Sen. Bentsen as saying that Mr. Agee should face a prison sentence. Either or both remedies appear to me to be both necessary and appropriate. I find it inconceivable to think that this man is enjoying the privileges and protections of American citizenship while at the same time undertaking actions which, if allowed to be consummated, would clearly injure our national interests and jeopardize our national security posture. One indeed wonders whether Mr. Agee is overtly or covertly in the employ

of a hostile foreign power; his words and deeds certainly indicate that such may be the case.

Having brought this matter to your attention, and knowing that you may already have been aware of the situation, I respectfully ask you to take appropriate action to stop Mr. Agee if possible; if it is not possible to stop him, then I ask you to pursue whatever action is possible to penalize Mr. Agee dearly for his treachery, including but not limited to, loss of citizenship and indictment under federal and/or state law for such crimes as he may have committed.

In summary, Mr. Agee's recent actions and comments go far beyond the limits of First Amendment protections of "free speech." He appears to be a threat to our national security, and his exposure of CIA agents in foreign countries could lead to the assassination of such agents, as has already happened before with Mr. Welch. This matter deserves your prompt attention.

Respectfully yours,



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cc: President Carter  
Senator Goldwater  
Senator Bentsen

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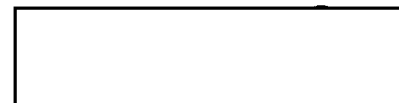
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LONDON, SEPT 5, REUTER - THREE MEN WHO CAMPAIGNED LAST YEAR AGAINST THE DEPORTATION OF FORMER CIA OFFICER PHILIP AGEE WENT ON TRIAL TODAY IN A CASE THAT HAS LED TO DEMANDS FOR REFORM OF BRITAIN'S LAWS ON STATE SECRETS.

JOHN BERRY, 34, A FORMER CORPORAL IN AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE UNIT, IS ACCUSED OF COMMUNICATING THE INFORMATION IN FEBRUARY, 1977, TO FREELANCE JOURNALIST DUNCAN CAMPBELL, 25, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN HELPED BY JOHN AUBREY, 32, A REPORTER FOR THE RADICAL MAGAZINE TIME OUT.

SOME LEFTWING POLITICIANS HAVE STATED THAT RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM A FORMER SERVICEMAN SHOULD NO LONGER BE PUNISHABLE UNDER BRITAIN'S OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, WHICH DATES BACK TO 1911.

AUBREY, BERRY AND CAMPBELL WERE ACTIVE IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE DEPORTATION IN MID-1977 OF TWO AMERICANS, PHILIP AGEE, A FORMER CIA OFFICER AND MARK ROSENBALL, ANOTHER JOURNALIST, FOR UNSPECIFIED REASONS. THEIR INITIALS HAVE LED TO THE CASE BEING CALLED 'THE ABC TRIAL.'  
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